REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2004. Claims 1, 3-8, 12-16, 18, 23, 27, and 29 have been amended. No new claims have been added. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and especially at pages 6-9, 13-14, and 22-28 and the corresponding figures. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-30 are pending.

Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on July 23, 2004, four days prior to the mailing date of the Office Action, but did not receive the PTO-1449 with the Office Action. Applicants request the Examiner to consider the references cited in the Supplemental IDS dated July 23, 2004 and to return a signed/initialed copy with the next Office Action.

Claims 1-30 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glaser (US Pat No. 5,953,731) in view of Foley (US Pat No 5,706,502). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants maintain all prior arguments and positions as set forth in the Amendment dated August 19, 2002; Request for Reconsideration dated February 7, 2003; Appeal Brief dated May 21, 2003; Preliminary Amendment dated October 14, 2003; and Amendment dated April 14, 2004. The Office Action dated July 27, 2004 continues to rely on Glaser to provide the "page object control" and continues to equate the same elements with the "page object control" as well as methods or properties under the same rationale. Because the Office Action substantially maintains its prior position, Applicant's prior arguments and positions are still applicable.

The problem with Glaser is that the applet in a page of Glaser is only that – an applet on a page. The page object control allows a first page to treat a second page as an object in accordance with accepted object-oriented relationships. Glaser merely allows applets to be replicated as needed. Glaser does not pertain to the use of the reference page as an object.

In addition, claim 1, as amended, recites a second page object control on a referencing page being capable of implementing at least one of a method and a property associated with a first page without transferring the method or property associated with said first page to said referencing page. Even assuming *arguendo* that the Applet or the applet code is equivalent to the "page object control", the method or property of claim 1 and that the windows illustrated in Glaser (e.g., Fig. 7C) are equivalent to the "page(s)" of claim 1 as the Examiner suggests, Glaser still fails to teach or suggest implementing the method or property (i.e., "applet" or its code, according to the Examiner) without transferring the "applet" from the first page to the second page. Glaser clearly relies on transferring the applet and applet code from the applet list window to the code editor window. In fact, Glaser requires "applet code associated with the selected control being *inserted into* the code for the HTML page being displayed in a code editor window or form editor window" (Emphasis added, see abstract and Fig. 7C).

Foley does not make up for the deficiencies of Glaser. The Examiner asserts that Foley teaches "a project manager allowing copying of various project methods into other files ... icons referencing various applets with other related methods and properties ... which can be imported and copied accordingly ..." (Office Action dated July 27, 2004, page 7, "Response to Arguments"). Whether or not Foley provides these teachings, Foley still fails to teach or suggest implementing at least one of a method and a property associated with a first page without transferring the method or property associated with said first page to said referencing page.
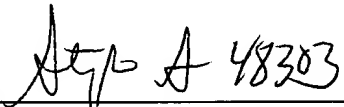
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Because neither Glaser nor Foley, either alone or in combination teaches or suggests claim 1, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 23, 27, and 29 are similar to claim 1 and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claim 1.

Claims 2, 4-7, 9-11, 13, 15, 17, 19-22, 24-26, 28 and 30 depend from corresponding independent claims 3, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 23, 27, and 29 and are allowable for at least the reasons set for above.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned to further prosecution.

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